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Flying Tigers return from landmark deployment

By 1st Lt. Joshua G. Rushing

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Most of the Flying Tigers of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 and a detachment of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16 ForeRunners returned home Monday to grateful families, cooler weather and good American junk food.

"There's no place like home," said Cpl. Sean Kelly, avionics technician. "I sure missed Jack-in-the-Box!"

The Marines were deployed to Okinawa, Japan, since Jan. 12 as part of the Unit Deployment Program, in which squadrons spend six months attached to the 1st Marine Air Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Although UDP hitches are routine, this trip was a landmark deployment for the Flying Tigers. While in Okinawa the squadron challenged the Marine Expeditionary Unit-centric concept that tends to pervade Marine thinking and planning.

In two separate ventures the squadron proved that the CH-53 Super Stallion can show up anywhere in the 1st MAW Area of Operations without the aid of shipborne support or transportation.

For Exercise Fishhook the squadron flew a detachment of CH-53s to the Philippines to support Exercise Balikatan.

From there they flew to Thailand and then all the way back to Okinawa. Before the Tigers came home, they flew a detachment of 53s 2,200 miles – or roughly the distance

from here to Atlanta — to Guam using the aerial refueling capabilities of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152's KC-130s.

[For more on Exercise Fishhook and HMH-361 in the Philippines see the June 8 Flight Jacket, www.miramar.usmc.mil/flight/archives.htm]

"It's the first time CH-53s have self deployed from Okinawa to Guam," said Maj. Milo Shank, HMH-361 aviation maintenance officer.

At Guam, the Tigers left the aircraft to allow for Marines from HMH-465 to fall in for Exercise Koa Thunder. The Warhorses of '465 are 361's replacement in the 1st MAW.

"This whole UDP was one of the more outstanding deployments for us because of all of the opportunities to deploy off the island [Okinawa]," said Shank. "We were able to expand our horizons, doing more and different things than ever before."



Sergeant Jesse M. Deners, airframe mechanic, HMH-361, adjusts the Automated Flight Control System in a CH-53. Deners recently returned from UDP in Okinawa, Japan. Photo by Cpl. Scott Whittington

HMH-361 has spent a large amount of the last year split into three detachments — one went UDP to Futenma, one to the 31st MEU out of Okinawa and the other to the 11th MEU out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

When the 11th MEU returns in September

the squadron will once again be whole, but not for long. That same month a detachment heads to Fort Hunter Liggett near Big Sur to support the Marine Air Group 16 exercise dubbed Sea Horse Wind.

"For us, as for all Marines, quality training is continuous," said Shank.

Maj. Gen. Bowdon's father reviews new Marines at Depot

By Cpl. Rob Henderson

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

William G. Bowdon II, father of Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon III, Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area, reviewed the graduation of Delta Company at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, July 6.

Bowdon, a former Marine captain, is a native of Alexandria, La., and a veteran of World War II. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in New Orleans June 1942. The day after completing a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University, Bowdon was ordered to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., for training.

"The graduating Marines were super. The ceremony was spine-tingling, because I remember doing the exact same thing on my graduation day in 1943 at Parris Island," said the elder Bowdon.

After going through recruit training, Bowdon was selected for Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., and was commissioned Dec. 29, 1943. He remained at Quantico after OCS to attend The Basic School, and then proceeded to Camp Lejeune, N.C., for Light Anti-Aircraft School.

Upon completion of his training, Bowdon arrived at



William G. Bowdon II, the Maj. Gen. Bowdon's father, reviews Delta Company's graduation at MCRD San Diego July 6. Photo by Lance Cpl. James R. Sherrick

Camp Pendleton, and was given orders to the South Marianas' Islands in the Western Pacific Ocean. He was assigned to the 18th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, attached to the 8th Marines, 2nd Division as a replacement officer

for the Battle of Saipan.

In late July 1944, midway through the Battle of Saipan, the 18th AAA Bn. merged with the 8th Marines and proceeded to another South Marianas' island — Tinian. After the Marines secured Tinian, Bowdon was deployed to the new airfield on Tinian, and he remained there until the end of the war.

"The thing I remember most about my time in the Marine Corps was watching the Enola Gay getting loaded with the atomic bomb. I lived in a tent only 100 yards from where the Enola Gay was housed, but until then, the word atomic wasn't in my vocabulary," said Bowdon.

Bowdon left active duty June 4, 1946 with the rank of captain. He pursued a career in real estate in Louisiana. Bowdon also joined the ranks of Louisiana politics as a state representative in the U.S. House of Representatives.

After one term as a representative, he ran for mayor of Alexandria. He won the election and went on to hold the mayoral seat for 16 consecutive years from 1953 until 1969.

Bowdon and his wife of 53 years, Ina "Smitty" Bowdon, still reside in Alexandria and he is enjoying semi-retirement while continuing to work in real estate.

"I love the Marine Corps, and I am very proud of what the Marine Corps has helped me accomplish. It's a great institution," said Bowdon.

Station youths take back their park

By Sgt. A.C. Strong

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

More than 40 Miramar children gathered for the "Neighborhood Park Clean-up Youth Appreciation Party" July 6. The party, sponsored by Miramar Marine Corps Community Services and individuals from the Station Provost Marshal's Office, was to thank the children who had taken it upon themselves to clean up the Beta Court Park.

The park was rapidly becoming an unsafe place for Station children to play. Unwilling to lose the use of their park, the group of children, aged 3 to 16 years old, decided to do something about it.

According to a release from MCCS, the group of children gathered daily to sweep up glass, sand and other trash scattered around the park.

"Requiring little help or encouragement from adults, these children have taken the initiative to care for their park themselves, demonstrating their commitment to keeping their neighborhood safe and clean for everyone, while setting an outstanding example for others," said Diana Melcher, assistant MCCS publicity.

The party, complete with food and entertainment, was well-deserved by the children



The "caretakers" of Beta Court pause for a party July 6. These children have undertaken a clean park as their own responsibility. Photo by Diana Melcher

who succeeded in making Beta Court Park a cleaner and safer place for them and other children to play this summer, according to Melcher.

"This is a daily effort which they have enthusiastically embraced. They are all great examples of honor, courage, and commit-

ment to our neighborhood," said Sgt. William C. White III, noncommissioned officer in charge of vehicle registration, and a member of the neighborhood.

The party was concluded by a group sing-along of "This Land is My Land," and of course, a thorough clean-up of the area.

McGraw takes command of MASS-3

By Cpl. Rob Henderson

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Lieutenant Col. John A. Hall took command of Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Marine Corps Air Station Pendleton, from Lt. Col. Paul D. McGraw in a change-of-command ceremony recently.

McGraw was selected for top-level schooling at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

Hall, a Bradenton, Fla., native graduated from Florida A&M in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in biology. After completing The Basic School in 1984, Hall attended the Air Support Control Officer's Course at the Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms.

Upon completion of this training, Hall was assigned to MASS-1, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., where he de-



Lt. Col.
Paul D. McGraw



Lt. Col.
John A. Hall

ployed on several exercises.

In 1985, Hall was transferred to MASS-2, MCAS Futenma, Japan, where he was qualified as senior controller in the Air Support Radar Team and senior air director in the Direct Air Support Center.

Hall attended the Air Defense Control Officer's Course, MCCES, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms in 1987. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 38, MCAS El Toro. Dur-

ing this assignment Hall qualified as a senior air director in the Tactical Air Command Center. While at H&HS, Hall participated in combat operations during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Other schools Hall attended are: the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Course, MCAS Yuma, Ariz.; the Command and Control System Course, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.; and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, MCB Quantico, Va.

Other notable commands Hall has served with are: Marine Air Group 16 during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia; Marine Air-Control Group 38 here, and 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton.

Hall's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal.

Hall is married to the former Najla Debaw of Huntington Beach. They have four children - John, Austin, Cardiena and Dana.

Sturdevant to take command of HMM-165

By Cpl. Rob Henderson

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Lieutenant Col. Gregg A. Sturdevant takes command of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 from Lt. Col. Robert M. Zeisler in a change-of-command ceremony at Hanger 6, here today at 2 p.m.

Zeisler will relocate to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Sturdevant was born in Kansas City, Mo., on May 31, 1957. In 1975 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in southern California and Okinawa, Japan, before being honorably discharged as a sergeant in July 1979.

He then returned to school and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southeast Missouri State University in July 1982. He received his commission through the platoon leader class. Upon



Lt. Col.
Robert M. Zeisler



Lt. Col. Gregg A.
Sturdevant

completion of The Basic School, he reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., for flight training and was designated a naval aviator in April 1984.

After receiving his wings in April 1984, Sturdevant reported to Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 at Marine Corps Air Station Tustin for initial training in the CH-46E. In November 1984, Sturdevant reported to HMM-364 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and was assigned various duties in the main-

tenance department. In January 1986, he deployed with the squadron to Okinawa. In September 1987, he attended the Weapons and Tactics Course at MCAS Yuma, Ariz. In January 1988, he once again deployed to Okinawa for six months where he served as the squadron Weapons and Tactics Instructor.

In January 1989, Sturdevant reported to Marine Aviation Training Support Group in Pensacola where he served as a flight instructor and taught engines. He also served at the Academic Instructor Training Course, and served as a platoon commander for the Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School. During this tour he earned a master's degree in management.

In January 1991, he was transferred to Fort Rucker, Ala., to attend the Army Aviation Officer Advanced Course. Upon gradu-

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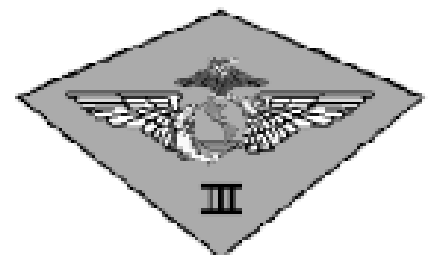
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Marine NCOs need support from rockers, brass

By Cpl. Scott Whittington

Commentary

I've seen Marines run from Colors, heard a junior Marine curse at and threaten a noncommissioned officer and heard another Marine make an inappropriate joke about Marines killed in an accident. I corrected those Marines and never heard another word about it.

This past week, I was walking toward my car outside the barracks on my way to work. The parking lot was full of Marines headed to their cars. I was in uniform and a private from a different barracks was walking in the same direction I was past all these other Marines.

He wasn't wearing a cover, his cammies looked as if they had been pulled from the

bottom of his sea bag, he obviously hadn't shaved in a few days and his boots looked like they had never seen polish. So naturally I made an inquiry.

He talked back rather rudely. With all the hazing stories in the media, the thoughts that raced through my head were quickly discarded as possible courses of action. I didn't even lose my temper and yell. However, I did tell him to go back inside and fix himself. I thought that was what a good NCO does.

He let out a disrespectful sigh and went back to his room. I waited around for a few

minutes just to make sure he didn't just come right back out.

Later that day, the phone rang at my desk. It was that private's lieutenant. He told me to never correct one of "his" Marines again.

I told him that his Marine looked unpresentable. I also explained that, as a Marine NCO it is my duty and I will continue to correct Marines that were in the wrong. He wasn't happy that I was disagreeing with him. I explained the situation and why I did

what I did.

After I hung up with the lieutenant, I thought about what had just occurred. What did the private tell him? Then I had to wonder why the lieutenant chose not to back up an NCO and say, "What were you doing to make the corporal say something to you?" Did the private have control of his boss? Was the lieutenant thinking that his Marine couldn't have done what I said he had? I think that lieutenant has My-Marine-Never-Does-Anything-Wrong disease.

I replayed our conversation over and over in my head. "It's not your place to correct him," he said repeatedly.

Whose place is it then?

You don't have to be an NCO, staff NCO or an officer to correct a Marine. You don't even have to be senior to him, but you do have to use tact.

I was trying to correct him so that his section didn't. I don't write his proficiency and conduct marks. I was trying to help him out.

It is possible that he was just getting off the late shift and left his cover in his car. That's why I didn't immediately jump on him.

I attempt to always give the Marine the benefit of the doubt. I know most Marines don't set out to do things against the rules. It's the ones who do that irritate me.

What also irritates me is when other Marines second guess me. It doesn't happen too often — just that once to me.

I know that I like where I am and I like it when the Marine Corps has a good image. I just have to remember that there is that 10 percent that refuse to comply with the military way of life. I just wish we could discern who they are before they sign the enlistment papers.

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What recreational activities do you plan on participating in this summer in San Diego?



"I'm going to golf at Admiral Baker Golf Course, Miramar and North Island."

Staff Sgt. Patrick R. McDonald
H&HS
ordnance magazine NCOIC



"I plan to do a lot of rollerblading at Mission Beach and La Jolla Cove."

Lance Cpl. Mike A. Cook
H&HS
ordnance technician



"I'm going down to Pacific Beach to go swimming and just relax."

Sgt. Thomas V. Smith
HMH-466
intelligence chief

Alcohol abuse can put Marines upriver without paddle

By Sgt. A.C. Strong

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Safety messages and word of mouth tell Marines on a daily basis of the enormous impact alcohol-related incidents have on the Corps good order and discipline. It is not uncommon to see up to half a dozen incidents involving alcohol on a weekly basis. Car accidents, bar fights, disorderly conduct are all examples of alcohol-related incidents – and often signal the end of a Marine’s career.

“Alcohol abuse by members of the Marine Corps is incompatible with our high standards of performance, discipline and readiness,” states the most recent Marine Administrative Message detailing the Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program. Dated July 3, MARADMIN 316/01 details the responsibilities of the command when dealing with alcohol-related incidents.

“There’s not anything different than what we’ve already been doing,” said Master Sgt. Paul R. Skinner, Substance Abuse Counseling Center director. “When an individual has an incident, it goes to the command. This forces the command to become involved if alcohol is at all involved.”

The message simply reiterates the importance of command involvement, according to Skinner.

According to the message, education, detection and deterrence, as well as rehabilitation programs, are necessary to effectively control alcohol abuse. It outlines a requirement for post alcohol-related incident screening. The screening requirement, applicable to both officer and enlisted, is set up to allow Marines involved in incidents the opportunity to put the incidents behind them.

An alcohol-related incident occurs when a Marine commits an offense punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or by civilian authority, and where, in the judgment of the Marine’s commanding officer, the consumption of alcohol was a contributing factor.

Currently, all Driving Under the Influence or Driving While Intoxicated cases are treated as alcohol-related incidents. The gray area comes into play when there is a subsequent reduction of a charge to a nonalcohol related charge.

However, MARADMIN 316/01 makes it very clear that the reduction in charges does not cause the incident to be recharacterized as nonalcohol-related.

Many do not realize that some officers’ incidents are reported directly to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

“By the time it comes to this point, it has already gone too far,” said Skinner. “What is hoped is that Marines will start taking advantage of and utilizing what is already in place before there is an ‘incident.’”

According to Skinner, command involvement in education and prevention could go a long way toward preventing incidents.

“I honestly feel that prevention is the key,” said Skinner. “If these individuals would take heed and leadership didn’t enable, we would keep Marines out of trouble and in the Corps.”

“If we could catch them up river, before they get into trouble, then they could get help and just get back in the water.”

For more information about programs and resources available aboard the Station, call the Substance Abuse Counseling Center at 577-6585.

The Iwo’s back

Marines attached to Naval Air Station Pensacola joined Sailors from USS Iwo Jima in the traditional manning of the rails ceremony when the ship joined the fleet as the 7th Wasp Class amphibious assault ship June 30, in Pensacola, Fla. This is the second amphibious assault ship to be designated the USS Iwo Jima. The first served the Navy and Marine Corps from 1961 to 1993.

Photo by Navy Airman Robert Stratchko.



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Football hero speaks, educates servicemembers about diversity



Kellen Winslow, a sports commentator, former Chargers' tight end and Hall of Famer, speaks to servicemembers and civilian employees Wednesday at a diversity brief held at the Station theater. Photo by Sgt. Carolyn S. Sittig
By Sgt. Carolyn S. Sittig

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

“Why are we so spread out? It’s everywhere you see. People just naturally segregate themselves, but today this isn’t what it’s about,” said Kellen Winslow, former National Football League icon, referring to the scattered clumps of people who made up the audience at the diversity training held in the Station theater Wednesday.

The audience looked around to witness the same segregation Winslow was there to educate about. Segregation many might have assumed was no longer existent, but was evident as they looked around to note that what he was saying rang true.

This prompted a little shaking up of people’s nerves as he then asked everyone to get out of their seats and meet someone else.

Alarmed faces fill the room as people slowly filtered into different rows and up the aisles to meet someone new.

The purpose of the request was to force people out of

their comfort zones by having them sit with someone new who was either of a different race, gender or both for the brief. Everyone present for the diversity became an active participant to increase diversity awareness.

The brief was part of the 2nd Annual Diversity Celebration 2001 sponsored by several local military Human Resources Center agencies. The guest speakers were Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr., Commanding General 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and former San Diego Chargers’ tight end Kellen Winslow, a Fox Sports Network commentator and 1995 Hall of Fame inductee.

Winslow is most famous for his outstanding performance against Miami in the 1982 AFC Divisional Playoffs. During this game he overcame extreme physical hardship to rack up 166 receiving yards and block a field goal.

Some people may wonder why an athlete would be chosen to talk to the military about diversity, but both Maj. Gen. Bolden and Winslow see a very real parallel between the two.

“There is an interesting parallel between the Marine Corps and sports because they both depend on teamwork to work. Because you learn early on if you don’t depend on teamwork, it will fall apart,” said Maj. Gen. Bolden.

Kellen stressed the need for people to find out more about other cultures and backgrounds. He beseeched people to talk about these differences and not bottle them up. Encouraging people to talk candidly about their hopes, desires and fears he helped them to gain a better understanding and not feel so awkward around diverse people.

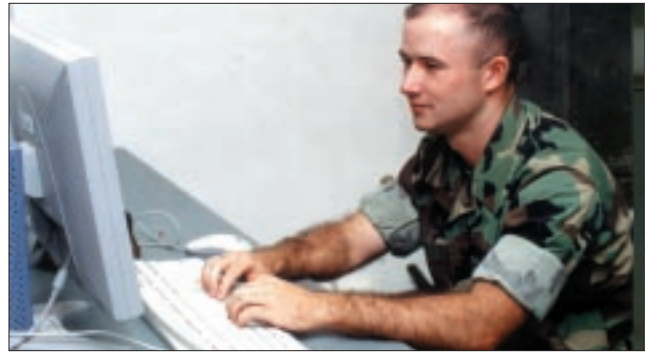
Winslow added that he understands the difficulties surrounding diversity because of his experiences during his football career. However, when it comes down to important things like getting the job done people forget about differences and act and treat each other as equals. “It’s about accomplishing the goal at hand. In football, there are so many backgrounds and skill-levels. On that Sunday, it doesn’t matter that person’s skin color next to you because you cannot be successful without that person,” said Winslow.

Winslow said he always jumps at the opportunity to speak about diversity. “I speak at events like this because I have so much respect for the military.” He added that he likes to teach about diversity because overcoming the challenges of diversity is crucial for the nation.



This poster was an artist’s representation of diversity. Courtesy of Human Resources.

MTACS-38 gets new computer system



Sergeant Chad G. Bales, MTACS-38, TACC operations track data coordinator, ensures track information from various radars is correct and that the data links are operational. Photo by Sgt. Carolyn S. Sittig

By Sgt. Carolyn S. Sittig

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Marine Tactical Air Control Squadron 38 here became the first unit to receive the Link Management System 16 during their recent involvement in Roving Sands 2001.

It was the unit’s involvement in the El Paso, Texas-based exercise that led them to become the first operational unit to use the new system. The system passes track information wherein aircraft, missile, surface and ground information is recorded and transmitted, according to Staff Sgt. Greg Hollerbach, MTACS-38 training and readiness chief. They had to acquire the new equipment before it was scheduled to be delivered because RS ’01 provided an excellent opportunity to train Marines and being able to test it while in a field environment, according to Gunnery Sgt. Derek Andersen, MTACS-38 Tactical Air Command Center operations staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

The exercise focused on air defense. To accomplish this, each unit has radars set up to monitor their perspective area. Each radar receives its own and specific radar picture. In order for the Marines at the TACC – who in essence control air defense assets to get these radar pictures – each picture has to be combined with the other to provide one large overview of the defending area.

“What the LMS-16 does is link all those pictures together,” said Hollerbach.

The LMS-16, a unique data link monitoring system not only gives a universal picture of the data links, but it also improve the way today’s Marines can see and interpret radar pictures. A clearer picture and better way to monitor gives Marines a more detail representation of what going on in a radar-controlled area and therefore positively affects air defense.

The LMS-16 differs from the previous system used because it allows Marines to get a display of the information

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Chinese native takes oath as U.S. citizen

By Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Twelve people, surrounded by friends and family members, wait anxiously in a conference room of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The day they have been waiting for has finally arrived. This is the day they are taking the oath to become naturalized citizens of the United States of America.

One of the most excited members of the group is 22 year-old Cpl. Jiejun Zhou, a computer information specialist in the Aviation Information System Department of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11.

Zhou, born in Wen Zhou, China, has been in the United States for seven years and has been awaiting her application for citizenship to go through for more than two years.

"It makes me proud because I'm the first person in my family to become a United States citizen," said Zhou. "Now that I am actually a citizen I really feel like I am part of this country."

Zhou's parents, who both live in Brooklyn, N.Y., came to the U.S. 15 years ago, but had to leave Zhou and her brother in China. They were reunited eight years later when her parents were able to afford to bring them to America.

Her reasons for seeking citizenship are mainly related to her experiences living in a communist country.

"Because I was raised my whole life in China I really didn't know anything different from communism while I was there. Once I came to the United States I could really feel the differences," said Zhou. "I just feel like I have much more freedom and I like it."

She joined the Marine Corps in July 1998 because she was looking for a challenge and wanted to get out and experience America.

"I wanted to do something different because when I was in New York, I stayed mainly within the Chinese community and wanted to get out of my comfort zone," said Zhou. "I have had experiences since joining the Corps that I never would have had otherwise."

Zhou's quest to actually become a citizen began August 1999 when she began the paperwork process. United States servicemembers are given priority for naturalization by the INS, but only when they have been on active duty for more than three years. Because Zhou had only recently joined the Marine Corps, she had to go through the regular process.

She received notice in 2000 that she had an immigration interview scheduled, but it was cancelled shortly thereafter. She was then notified nine months later about a make-up interview that took place just a few weeks later.

During the immigration process she was required to

take tests that included questions about U.S. history, the government and the English language.

"The English part of the test was pretty easy for me

because I have lived in the States for so long and I went to high school here, but the history portion was kind of hard. I had to actually sit down and study to make sure I did well," said Zhou.

Now that Zhou is a U.S. citizen, she has plans to either work on getting a commission in the Marine Corps or possibly joining the Federal Bureau of Investigations some day.

Zhou says her command has been very supportive of her efforts throughout the process and is very thankful to Lt. Col. Antonio Cerrillo, the MALS-11 executive officer,

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Cpl. Jiejun Zhou
computer information specialist,
MALS-11

lot of opportunity available to me now and none of it would be possible without them," concluded Zhou.

who made a personal phone call to the INS on her behalf. She is also very appreciative for the advice offered to her throughout the process from Gunnery Sgt. John Pullen, MALS-11 career planner.

"My parents have done so much for me and I can't thank them enough. I have a



Corporal Jiejun Zhou, computer information specialist, MALS-11, works on her computer. The Chinese native was recently naturalized as a U.S. citizen. Photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

Are you using Marine Mail?

By Sgt. A.C. Strong

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Marine Administrative Message 322/01 asks "How can we further reduce time in training, time awaiting training, and/or time in transit without diminishing quality of required military occupational specialty training?"

This quarter's "Question to the Corps," once again provides a venue for Marine Corps leadership to be informed of Marines, Sailors and anyone else who has a vested interest, opinions and viewpoint on subjects which impact the Marine Corps.

The following questions are also provided: What aren't we doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should do differently? What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? And What new concept or idea should the Marine Corps investigate to improve its warfighting capability?

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Supply hands Miramar first-ever regular season defeat, 6-3

By Cpl. Micheal O. Foley

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON — On the strength of a third-quarter, 30-yard touchdown pass and superb defense, 1st Supply Battalion edged the Miramar Jaguars 6-3 at Pendleton’s 11 Area Mainside football field Monday.

The defeat, their first-ever regular season loss, evens Miramar’s record at 1-1 this season in the Camp Pendleton Tackle Football League. Last year the team went 14-1, losing only the championship game to Marine Corps Base.

Early in the first quarter it looked as if Miramar was going to stomp Supply – just as they did every team last year. After the opening kick-off the Jaguar defense went to work forcing the opposition backwards three plays and forcing a punt.

The offense promptly drove the ball 50 yards downfield before being stopped. Head coach Richard Mohney opted for a long field goal on fourth down, setting up Jaguars’ kicker Kevin Mercier’s 43-yard boot to put Miramar up 3-0.

Miramar’s enthusiasm and dominance was short-lived as Supply responded with some enthusiasm of their own. By forcing mistakes,



Miramar running back Darrell Gunter breaks free for 12 yards in the fourth quarter Monday, but it was too little too late as the Supply defense held strong giving them a 6-3 win and Miramar’s first-ever regular season loss. Photo by Cpl. Scott Whittington



Miramar receiver Jermaine Rutledge snags a pass and is immediately tackled by two Supply defenders. Photo by Cpl. Scott Whittington

turnovers and penalties the Supply defense kept Miramar out of the end zone and gave their offense good field position for the rest of the game.

“We beat them on the first drive,” said Mohney. “But then they got mad and played better. We got complacent and satisfied.”

On the first drive of the second half, the Supply defense capitalized in a big way when a defender picked off Miramar quarterback Odis L. Alexander’s pass and returned it to the Jaguar’s 31-yard line. Two plays later a Supply receiver made an impressive catch between two Miramar defenders for a touchdown, giving Supply the 6-3 lead.

“We were in a ‘cover-2,’ probably

the best coverage we could be in,” said Mohney. “They just made a good play. The defense is getting better. They are showing more communication and poise on the field, but confidence in each other is the key.”

This year’s defense is a far cry from last year’s brick wall, which only allowed 15 points in 12 regular-season games. So far this season, the Jaguars have given up 20 points in two games. According to Mohney only two defensive starters are back this year, cornerback Floyd L. Elam and end Edward L. Anderson. Despite heavy losses in personnel the defense is holding its opponents for the most part only allowing scores on missed assignments and mental breakdowns.

Richard Mohney
Jaguars head coach

The offense, on the other hand, has a lot of room to improve. Mohney said the biggest problem in the game against Supply was on the offensive side of the ball, mainly the line.

“We had a hard time moving the ball because of total lack of execution from snap to tackle,” said Mohney. “We have not had the same front in any of our practices, scrimmages or games and that is killing us right now.”

On the plus side, the Jaguars have three quality running backs in Darrell Gunter, David L. Philpot Jr. and Jeremiah Budnovich, who is back from a knee injury suffered last season. Three quality receivers are back from last year as well in Jermaine Rutledge, Christopher Isadore and Xavier T. Campbell. Throwing to those receivers, the Jaguars have Alexander, who started for the league-champion Marine Corps Base team last year.

On the last play of the game the Supply quarterback took a knee and the entire team celebrated as if they had just won their high school state championship. Before Miramar had time to get upset at the reaction Mohney gathered his team and gave them some reassuring words.

“Every team is out to beat you this year,” he told the team, “because you beat every team last year. The important thing isn’t the score, but the fact that no one was seriously injured. We’ll have another shot at them.”

The team’s next game will be against the School of Infantry Roughriders at Camp Pendleton’s 11 Area Mainside football field at 6:30 p.m.

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Station dialing codes change

The dialing codes that are used to make off-Station commercial calls and off-Station Defense Switched Network calls change Monday.

Callers will use “99” to replace “9” when accessing commercial lines. “94” will replace “8” for DSN calls. These changes are necessary in order to bring the Station in compliance with Marine Corps standards for telephone switching systems.

For more information call the Station telephone office at 577-6997.

Welcome Aboard Brief schedule change for July

The Joint Reception Center will conduct only one Welcome Aboard Brief during the month of July.

The brief will be conducted Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in Building 2258.

For more information call Cpl. Alicia B. Bernal at 577-1783.

Cell phone use while driving GOVs prohibited

Do you have a phone permanently attached to your head? According to Station order, using your cell phone while driving a government vehicle is strictly prohibited aboard Miramar. So stop and pull over or take the call later.

Miramar soccer team tryouts

Miramar is looking for experienced soccer players to be a part of the MCAS Miramar Soccer team.

Tryouts are being held aboard here July 21, 22 and 25. All servicemembers on station are welcome and encouraged to try out for the team.

The team will compete in the upcoming West Coast Regional Soccer Tournament as well as other tournaments in the Southern California area.

For more information contact Staff Sgt. Kristian J. Kavanagh at 577-8078 or via e-mail at kavanaghkj@3maw.usmc.mil.

Flying Leatherneck Museum needs volunteers

Do you have an interest in military aviation history? The Flying Leatherneck Museum is looking for volunteer docents and gift shop attendants. The museum has aircraft from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and

the Persian Gulf War.

For details call 693-1723.

SNCO Club Advisory Board seeks record keeper

The Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Club Advisory Board is in need of a new record keeper.

Any staff NCO who is interested can contact Sgt. Maj. Ira Lott via e-mail at lottij@miramar.usmc.mil.

MSG screening trip

Marines interested in Marine Security Guard duty will have an opportunity to take part in the MSG screening process Aug. 30.

Marines requesting a school seat will need to have the commanding officer's checklist endorsed by their commanding officer and have their service record book and medical and dental records. Those who are already on orders need to be present for the screening and provide the monitor with an updated copy of the commanding officer's checklist.

Marines need to be in the Service Charlie uniform.

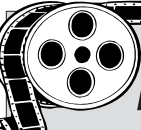
For more information call Staff Sgt. Tanya E. Huling, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron career planner, at 577-7995.

Sand volleyball tournament sign ups

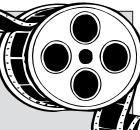
All hands are invited to take part in the 101 Days of Summer Sand Volleyball Tournament July 28 at 9 a.m.

The tournament will feature 4-on-4 action and trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

For more information about the tourney or to sign up call D.J. McCluskey at 577-1936 or 6171.



Free movies from MCCS



<p>Today</p> <p>What's the Worst that Could Happen? (PG-13) 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>A Knight's Tale (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Pearl Harbor (PG-13) 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>Pokemon 3 (G) 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Pearl Harbor (PG-13) 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>Pokemon 3 (G) 1 p.m.</p> <p>Bridget Jones's Diary (R) 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Moulin Rouge (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Shrek (PG) 2 p.m.</p> <p>A Knight's Tale (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.</p>
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The Station theater is equipped with a 35 mm projection system and Dolby Digital Surround Sound. All movies are free for DoD ID card holder and their guests. For movie synopses see the current theater flyer or call 577-4143.

Semper Fit seeks resumès for All-Marine marathon team

The Armed Forces Marathon Championship will be held in conjunction with the Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 28. Semper Fit is seeking a team comprised of five men and three women to be the designated Marine team for the Challenge Cup competition against the British Royal Navy and Marine Corps.

Marines interested in being selected must submit resumès in accordance with Marine Corps Order P1700.29, no later than Aug. 1 and they must contain a command endorsement. The order can be found at www.usmc-mccs.org, under policy.

For more information call Pamala Hodge at (703) 784-9542.

Mira Mesa High School Boosters' Golf Tournament

The Mira Mesa High School Football team boosters are sponsoring a golf tournament Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. The tournament, which will help pay for a new scoreboard, will be held at the Double Tree Golf Course in Rancho Penasquitos.

For more information call Lou Miranda at 578-0559.

“Moving Wall” comes to town

The Veterans Memorial Center will showcase the “Vietnam Moving Wall,” Aug. 10-12. The 240-foot replica of the “Vietnam Veterans Memorial” in Washington will be available for public viewing beginning 8 a.m., Aug. 10.

Opening ceremonies will be Aug. 11 at 10 a.m., with a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m.

For more information call the Vietnam Veterans of America, San Diego Chapter 72 at (619) 239-5977.

101 Days Unit Challenge

Earn money for your unit's recreation fund with the 101 Days of Summer Unit Challenge. For more information go to www.mccsmiramar.com or call D.J. McCluskey at 577-1936.

101 Days “BEST” competition

Are you a creative writer or an artistic person? Marine Corps Community Services is holding their “BEST” essay competition and “BEST” poster competition.

The deadline to enter is Aug. 15.

For more information call Julie Carlson, Health Promotion Education at 577-7963.

Rockabilly brings back that rockin' sound

“The Stilettos” bring the great tunes of old-time rock ‘n’ roll to the Semper Fit Athletic Field stage Wednesday.

The show runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and squadron food booths will be serving food and beverages.

Call 577-6377 for details.

Internet tip: Use “Refresh” button

If you find a Miramar Web page or MCCS Miramar Web page that seems to be outdated, click the “Refresh” button at the top of your page – it's to the right of the “Back” button.

Following these instructions should bring you the latest update.

Area 51 talent contest

Show your stuff – sing, dance, tell a few jokes – at the Area 51 talent contest Aug. 15.

Call 577-7968 to sign up.

7 habits of highly effective families

There are still seats available for the July 26-27 class. This workshop is not only for couples, but for single parents as well. The workshop is a two-day course designed to help you create effective relationships with members of your family.

Based on the book “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” by Dr. Stephen R. Covey, the workshop is part of MCCS Miramar's Family Team Building Lifeskills classes.

For more information about the family and relationship workshop call Capt. Mary Bradford, Family Team Building coordinator, at 577-4099.

Vet clinic postpones night hours

The Miramar Veterinary Clinic has postponed plans to hold an evening clinic once a month. However, they are now open one hour earlier and one hour later for clinics on Fridays. The new Friday hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information about the clinic's hours or to make an appointment, call the clinic at 577-6552.

Spouse job opportunity

Do you have writing talent? Looking for an opportunity to set your own hours, work out of your home, take your job with you wherever your spouse is stationed and still make good money?

For more information about this job and others call Miramar's Career Resource Center at 577-6491 or 6710.

Study scuba for safe diving

Want to blow some tiny bubbles? Scuba classes are offered at the 50-meter pool. The two-week classes are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m., and include five ocean dives.

Call 577-4137 for additional information about the classes.

All-enlisted golf tournament

Six sea-service teams compete for the Fleet Week Interservice trophy in this tournament scheduled for Oct. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information contact Chuck Smith via e-mail at chucksmymth@aol.com or call (619) 472-5800.

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 ation, he was reassigned to 2nd Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company at Camp Lejeune, N.C. While a member of 2nd ANGLICO he attended the basic parachute course at Fort Benning, Ga., and Sturdevant deployed as the ANGLICO Detachment Commander for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in May 1992.

In January 1993, Sturdevant reported to HMT-204 to refresh in the CH-46E aircraft. Upon completion he reported to HMM-162 where he served as the Tactics and Plans Project Officer. In January 1994, he was transferred to HMM-365 where he served as the Administrative Officer during a deployment with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. In December 1994, Sturdevant was assigned as the squadron operations officer where he served until June 1996.

Sturdevant received orders in July 1996 to attend the Marine Corps Command and Staff College at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. While there, he earned a master's degree in military studies. In June 1997, Major Sturdevant reported to Headquarters Marine Corps for duty in the Aviation Department's Plans, Policies, Joint Doc-

trine and Budget Branch (APP). There he served as the Landing Force Programs Officer focusing on budget matters that impacted the rotary wing communities. He was promoted to his present rank in July 1999. During this tour he completed the Air Force Air War College Course.

In June 2000, Sturdevant received orders to the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing. Enroute he reported to HMM(T)-164 to again refresh in the CH-46E aircraft. After reporting to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in August 2001, he was further assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 26 where he served as a Special Projects Officer.

In January, Sturdevant transferred to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and was assigned to MAG-16. He was subsequently assigned to HMM-165 to assume the post of executive officer.

Sturdevant's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

He is married to the former Tina Marie Hunter and they have two children, Tyler and Emily.

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 being sent out from each radar for determination of the exact location of any incorrect information, according to Gunnery Sgt. David Macdonald, Joint Multi-Tactical Air Digital Information Links school Marine instructor. "The previous system had very little of this capability."

"This is important because the Interface Coordination Officer in the Tactical Command Center acts as the data link manager for all data link capable units within his assigned sector or region. His job is to ensure that assigned units come up on the correct links at the correct times and the information that is transmitted over these links is timely and accurate," said Andersen.

Another new function LMS-16 has is the ability to set the time for the entire TADIL-J network. "Having all systems set to the same time is crucial because the network bases everything on time and if a link has a different time it will cease to be a part of the main network and branch off into its own," said Macdonald. "This keeps the Marines from getting that information. Now, the system will indicate if there is a network time difference anywhere and it can be fixed."

"All the other services have currently been using TADIL-J for the past few years. In the past, the ICO in the TACC had no way of monitoring the TADIL-J link picture. With the LMS-16 the ICO now has the capability to monitor the TADIL-J architecture," said Andersen.

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 Replies can be submitted in a variety of ways. Online replies can be submitted to www.usmc.mil/cmc. E-mail replies should go to marinemail@hqmc.usmc.mil. Submissions can be faxed to (703) 614-5035, and snail mail still works: Marine Mail (CMC), HQMC, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC

20380-1775.

Submissions that do not comply with criteria or do not respond to the quarterly "Question to the Corps," will be returned. Submission criteria is available at www.usmc.mil/cmc.

For more information check out MARADMIN 322/01 at www.usmc.mil/maradmins/maradmin2000.nsf/maradmins.